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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN-ETHIOPIAN AIR AGREEMENT DENIED

1. RADIO ETHIOPIA ENGLISH LANGUAGE BROADCAST NOVEMBER 12 BRIEFLY REPORTED THE SIGNING OF AN ETHIOPIAN-NORTH KOREAN AIR AGREEMENT BY AN ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION CURRENTLY IN PYONGYANG. THE SAME BROADCAST NOVEMBER 13 DENIED THAT SUCH AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CAUGHT ETHIOPIAN MOFA AND MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT OFFICIALS BY SURPRISE. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, MOFA INFORMATION OFFICER STATED THAT A THOROUGH CHECK INDICATED THAT NO POWER OF ATTORNEY HAD BEEN GIVEN ANYONE TO SIGN SUCH AN AGREEMENT. OFFICIAL QUOTED MOFA PERMSEC GETACHEW KIBRAT AS SAYING "IF AN AIR AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED, IT CERTAINLY WAS NOT A GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT ONE AND, THEREFORE, HAD NO LEGAL VALIDITY." MOFA OFFICIAL ASSERTED THE DISPATCH WHICH WAS ORIGINATED BY REUTER'S IN HONG KONG MAY HAVE BEEN DICTATED BY THE NORTH KOREANS TO CONFUSE THE ISSUE.

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3. SOURCE IN ETHIOPIAN CIVIL AVIATION, WHICH WOULD HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH A BILATERAL AGREEMENT, DENIES ANY

KNOWLEDGE OF AGREEMENT.

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